

That will be the duty of the Harbour police and with the establishment of floating patrols much improvement will be effected. All that belongs to the Harbour police and in the near future there will be a regular police staff and a floating patrol.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Are we to wait till the development of the Harbour for putting a staff to prevent such thefts?

President.—The Hon'ble member has replied that it is not quite satisfactory now and that it will be improved by the development of the Harbour.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when was the last case detected?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Two years ago, i. e. in 1108.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—When was patrolling begun?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—A long time before. But it is not done very satisfactorily. But now the loading and unloading of goods is done in the inner Harbour and there is not much chance for pillering.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What is the highest speed of your boat?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—About 7 miles an hour.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—May I know whether the Government will make some satisfactory arrangement as early as possible without waiting for the development of the harbour?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Panchayat Resolutions.

258. Mr. K. M. brahim.—With reference to Question No. 390 dated 10th August 1933, regarding Panchayat resolutions, will the Government kindly supply:—

(1) the information promised by them in their words "All the series of actions taken on this resolution will be called for and furnished (vide page 771); and state

(2) the nature of their orders, indicated in their assertion "Government will pass orders very soon on it" (vide page 775);

(3) as well as the result of their consideration, mentioned in their answer "that resolution is under the consideration of the Government". (Vide page 775)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) The words refer to the appointment of a special vaccinator for Methala, Azhicode, etc., villages. Generally special vaccinators are not permanently appointed in any particular locality when small-pox breaks out

there. In cases of emergency circle vaccinators are deputed or temporary hands entertained to work in infected localities. This was done at Cranganur also when there was small-pox in Methala, Azhicode, etc., villages.

(2) The resolution relates to the substitution of the ferry boat at the Azhicode ferry by a steam boat. There has been no danger or risk in fording the ferry in ordinary country boats. The introduction of motor boats will work hardship on the poor passengers in as much as they will have to pay enhanced ferry charges. Therefore the present arrangement has been ordered to continue for 1110 also.

(3) This relates to relief from agricultural indebtedness. Government have decided to issue a loan of 20 lakhs of rupees to alleviate the present difficulties.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is stated that “this was done at Cranganore also”. What was done, please?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In case of emergency circle vaccinators are deputed or temporary hands entertained to work in infected localities. This was done at Cranganore also when there was small-pox in Methala, Azhicode, etc. villages.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There are two alternatives given. Which of these two alternatives was followed in Cranganore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. Either of this was quite sufficient to meet the situation.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—While answering this question under reference, did not the Hon'ble Member say that because of some emergent and urgent work elsewhere nobody could be deputed to Cranganore to do this vaccination work? Then how can his present answer agree with that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not inconsistent. In cases of emergency, circle vaccinators are deputed or temporary hands entertained to work in infected localities. Either of this is being done, and it should have been done in Cranganore also. It is a very minute detail and Government did not enquire whether a temporary hand was entertained or whether a spare circle vaccinator was deputed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question is whether any one of these was done.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Either of these two will meet the situation and one of these has been done.

President.—Is it the Hon'ble Member's contention that nothing was done? Then the Government will inquire.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to sub-section (2) and following the same analogy of this argument why don't you substitute country boats which is much cheaper to the public than motor boats here also between Cochin and Ernakulam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The backwater is too wide and the conditions are not quite similar.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know how far is Azhicode from the river mouth?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not ascertained it, but I know that conditions are not quite similar.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But before answering this question was it not the duty of the Government to ascertain whether there was any necessity for a motor boat especially in the rainy season and also to ascertain how far is Azhicode from the river mouth?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have answered that question. There have been no dangers. That is a statement arrived at after due consideration and enquiry. In the light of that statement the answer following is quite cogent. I do not find any inconsistency. There is no need for any further enquiry at present. Since there has been no danger reported to the Government and since country boats have been serving the purpose very well a more costly method of transport is not deemed desirable.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to sub-division (3) has any amount been distributed as yet?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What time has elapsed since the original grant of 5 lakhs has been granted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is about an year back.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reasons why Government have not distributed the amount which was sanctioned 1 full year ago?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There were too many applications to be considered and a special officer was appointed to consider these applications. It was not thought fit to give the amounts of the loan to a few in advance keeping others pending. That might raise further troubles. And in the meanwhile the Antony Committee Report was received and the original five lakhs was raised. That necessitated a more comprehensive scheme on the part of the Government. That was sanctioned and they are earnestly attending to it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How many more years will it take?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will require not more than six or nine months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Ever since this 5 lakhs was granted are not Civil Jail imprisoning and attachments and sales of indebted properties carried on with added energy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, Sir, whether the 5 lakhs is intended to be given by the Government for the purpose of closing civil Jails and Courts?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what stands in the way against ordering an interim stay of all coercive steps by Courts till the completion of the debt redemption scheme?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has it not already engaged the attention of the Government, and has not the Government given definite answer in such a vital and important matter on which Government had occasion to think a thousand times?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been looked into a thousand times and that is why I demand for notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I think the Hon'ble Law Member gave us an assurance in the budget meeting that a Proclamation staying civil suits will be issued along with further orders on the Antony Committee report. It is there in bold print.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Please read it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—A cut motion, Sir, was being discussed and several of the Hon'ble Non-Official Members took part and finally the motion was about to be pressed when the Hon'ble Law Member gave us an assurance in reply to a question of Mr. K. Ayyappan, which reads thus:—

“Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government take action within a few weeks?—Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Yes. I think that in a few weeks final orders will be passed. I should not be surprised to find that orders are passed within eight or ten days.”

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Does it mean that I have given an assurance that a Proclamation will be issued?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If you go through the previous speeches you can understand that the discussion was centered round the issue of a Proclamation. I shall read some of his other assurances also. “Things are going well, Government consideration will be over within 8 or 10 days.” Mr. K. Ayyappan then asked, ‘Will it be surely over?’ Then he replied

that it will be over at the earliest possible moment. That not a moment will be wasted in this connection. Mr. K. Ayyappan again then asked him; On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether within a month a Proclamation will be issued? He replied, 'That is possible. Every moment will be utilised by the Government to expedite the matter. Government can only do their best'.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, may I know how many days are past since that assurance was given?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—You can calculate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is your work rather than mine.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No, certainly not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The position of the Government is that they are not giving answers to the questions put by the Hon'ble Members.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No, no.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then what is your answer?

President.—Have you anything more to ask?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, we are not to be bossed here. Is it your unwillingness or is it your inability to answer the question or do you want notice?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—If the Hon'ble Member wants to calculate the number of days between two known dates, I submit it is not my work. The Hon'ble Member can do it as well as myself. If the Hon'ble Member wants any other information I shall give it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the Government admit that it is more than 8 months since these assurances were given by them?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—From Kumbhom to Meenom it is 8 months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, why no action was taken?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Action was taken. The Hon'ble Member is assuming a lot of things. A big scheme was instituted by the Government and if the Hon'ble Member is not aware of it, I cannot help it. A large number of officers

to accelerate the distribution of the loan have been appointed and they are functioning to-day.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was the Proclamation issued?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—Am I to understand that the recent orders regarding the appointment of the loan officers are the orders referred to by the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—They are some of the orders.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—Am I to understand that orders have been passed on the Antony Committee Report? I was under the impression that the matter was under consideration by the Government.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The loan scheme is partly due to the Antony Committee. There are other points also on which orders will be issued later on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I may respectfully bring to the notice of the House that this order was passed before answering this question. These orders were passed on a previous date. Can you please give us the date of the order?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about the Proclamation?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have already answered that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether this is the way in which Government Members make themselves responsible to this House as they often tom-tom?

President.—Question time is over.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I request that the question time may be extended. We have finished only 7 Questions.

President.—I am sorry.

Cochin Rubber Planters' Memorandum.

259. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) whether they have read in the *Hindu* dated 13th November 1934 the note published under the caption "Cochin Rubber Planters' Memorandum";

(b) whether they have received a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Kerala Planters' Association held at Kottayam on 29th October last;

(c) whether the Government have considered the proposals or issues raised in the Memorandum referred to above; and if so,